5-00 P. M.

KARNATAKA CONTINGENCY FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1976

MOTION TO CONSIDER

SRI M Y. GHORPADE.—Sir, I move:

"That the Karnataka Contingency Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1976 be taken into consideration".

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Motion moved.

"That the Karnataka Contingency Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1976 be taken into consideration."

† SRI M. Y. GHORPADE.—Sir, according to Article 267 of the Constitution a Contingency Fund has to be maintained. I do not wish to elaborate the purpose of the Contingency Fund. This is to act as an imprest amount so that money which is spent on 'New Services' out of the Contingency Fund later on shown in Supplementary Estimates and the amount recouped. The Contingency Fund was Rs. 10 Crores. Last year also there was an occasion to pass an Ordinance to spend more than Rs. 10 crores, because money had to be spent on essential items, particularly drought. Therefore, an Ordinance had to be issued to enhance the Contingency Fund, and after the Legislature met again the Contingency Fund had to be regularised in that manner. This year also we have found the same difficulty and the Contingency Fund had to be raised by virtue of an Ordinance-of course it will be recouped again-and all those items have been mentioned in the supplementary estimates. What is being sought now is : (1) to replace the Ordinance which is the normal practice, and (2) while replacing the Ordinance we want to increase the Contingency Fund from Rs. 10 crores to Rs. 20 crores so that the occasion to do it by an Ordinance is avoided Otherwise for any spending of of more than Rs. 10 Crores has to be by the issue of an Ordinance andthen comming before the House for regularisation. Last year, Hon'ble members did not like this procedure. I want to frankly inform the House that the transactions of the State Government have now been doubled compared to the days when the Contingency Fund was fixed as Rs. 0 crores. In those days, the money spent was of the order of Rs 400 to Rs. 500 crores and now it is of the order of Rs. 800 crores In those days, the Contingency Fund of Rs. 10 crores was adequate Last year we increased this Fund to Rs. 15 crores and then again reverted to Rs 10 crores and we allowed it to lapse. Every time we cross the mark of Rs. 10 crores, we had to pass an Ordinance. Now we expect to cross Rs. 10 crores. Supposing the

drought conditions continue to be bad; we have to spend Rs 3 crores to Rs. 4 crores per month and we will run through this Rs 10 crores in a couple of months. This does not take away the rights of the House in any manner Whether it is Rs 10 crores or Rs. 20 crores, all that is spent through the Contingency Fund has to be brought before the House through Supplementary Estimates. Secondly, the control or the power which is the inherent right of the House is not caused to be curtailed. What is sought to be avoided is the passing of an Ordinance every time we cross Rs. 10 crores mark. Therefore, the object is to replace the Ordinance and to make the Contingency Fund Rs. 20 crores so that these occasions of passing Ordinances every year are avoided,

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.—Where there any instances where the Government have crossed the mark of Rs. 10 crores and on account of that the Government has faced a lot of difficulty ?

† SRI M. Y GHORPADE.—I thought I would not have to answer this question, because supplementary estimates normally indicates the magnitude of the expenditure Take for example 'advance to Government employees for purchase of rice Rs. 3 crores'. This amount had not been provided in the budget and therefore had to be done. These Rs. 3 crores had to be charged to the Contingency Fund and then brought before the House. Government of India gave Rs. 2 crores as loan for Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board. We have shown it in the Contingency Fund because it is a new expenditure. These two items alone make Rs. 5 crores. There are other items which show how easy it is to exceed that mark of Rs.10 crores .We will be able to manage all these things with Rs. 20 crores. Normally considering the totality of finances which has doubled, and keeping in view the need to spend money in the next few months on account of unpredictable drought conditions. I think it is very safe to increase the Contingency Fund to Rs, 20 crores.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER—The question is:

"That the Karnataka Contingency Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1976 be teken into consideration"

The motion was adopted

CLAUSE 2 & 3

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER—The question is ;

"That Clauses 2 and 3 do stand part of the Bill'

The motion was adopted

Clauses 2 and 3 were added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 1, etc.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER—The question is :

'That Clause, I the Long Title the Preamble and the Enacting Formula do stand part of the Bill '

The motion was adopted

Clause 1, the Long Title the Preamble and the Enacting Formula were added to the Bill.

Motion to Pass

SRI M. Y. GHORPADE—Sir, I move :

'That the Karnataka Contingency Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1976 be passed.'

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER—The question is :

'That the Karnataka Contingency Fund (Amendment) Bill 1976 be passed.'

The motion was adopted and the Bill was passed

KARNATAKA URBAN LAND TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1976

Motion to Pass

SRI N. HUTCHMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue)—Sir, I beg to move—

'That the Karnataka Urban Land Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1976 be taken into consideration.'

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER—Motion moved.

"That the Karnataka Urban Land Tax (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration.'

† ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೆ, ಅರ್ಬನ್ ಲ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ಟಾಕ್ಸ್ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯಾಗಿ ಏಪ್ರಿಲ್ 1ರಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಅದು ಗೆಜೆಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ಮೇಲೆ 60 ದಿವಸಗಳವರೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟವರಿಂದ ಜನ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಹಾಕಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಇತ್ತು. ಆದರೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ತೊಂದರೆಗಳಾದುದರಿಂದ ಜನಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಸಾಕಾಗದೇ 150 ದಿವಸಗಳವರೆಗೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಏರಿಸಿದ್ದೆವು. ಮತ್ತೂ ಈ ಊರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಜನಗಳು ಸರ್ಕಾರವನ್ನು ಕಂಡು ಮನವಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ದಿವಸ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರ ಮೇಲೆ ಮತ್ತು 6 ದಿವಸ ಇತ್ತಾದನ್ನು 200 ದಿವಸಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ, ಆ ವಧ್ಯೆ ಶಾಸನಸಭೆ ಇಲ್ಲದೇ ಇದ್ದುರಿಂದ ಸುಗ್ರೀವಾಜ್ಞೆ ಮೂಲಕ ವಾಯಿದೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದನ್ನು ಈಗ ಶಾಸನ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ತಂದಿದ್ದೇನೆ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆ ಈ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಸೂದೆಗೆ ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.